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Labour Force, Australia

Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period December 2025

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Key statistics

In trend terms, in December 2025:

- unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%.
- participation rate remained at 66.8%.
- employment increased to 14,686,100.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.0%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,997 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in December 2025:

- unemployment rate decreased to 4.1%.
- participation rate increased to 66.7%.
- employment increased to 14,684,100.

- employment to population ratio increased to 64.0%.
- underemployment rate decreased to 5.7%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 2,001 million.
- full-time employment increased by 54,800 to 10,101,100 people.
- part-time employment increased by 10,400 to 4,582,900 people.

Modernising the Labour Force Survey

The ABS is improving how we collect the Labour Force Survey so we can continue producing high-quality labour force statistics, maintain strong response rates, provide a better experience for respondents, and run our business more efficiently.

For further details on these plans, see [Modernising the Labour Force Survey \(/about/key-priorities/data-acquisition-modernisation-program/modernising-labour-force-survey/\)](/about/key-priorities/data-acquisition-modernisation-program/modernising-labour-force-survey/).

Key statistics - Trend

	Nov-25	Dec-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,661,300	14,686,100	24,800	0.2%	180,800	1.2%
Unemployed people	653,000	646,600	-6,400	-1.0%	37,500	6.2%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.2%	0.0 pts	na	0.2 pts	na
Underemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	0.0 pts	na	-0.1 pts	na
Participation rate	66.8%	66.8%	0.0 pts	na	-0.3 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,993 million	1,997 million	4 million	0.2%	20 million	1.0%

Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

	Nov-25	Dec-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,618,900	14,684,100	65,200	0.4%	165,400	1.1%
Unemployed people	658,400	628,600	-29,800	-4.5%	25,400	4.2%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.1%	-0.2 pts	na	0.1 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.2%	5.7%	-0.5 pts	na	-0.3 pts	na
Participation rate	66.6%	66.7%	0.1 pts	na	-0.4 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,993 million	2,001 million	8 million	0.4%	20 million	1.0%

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/Dec-2025#glossary/\)](/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/Dec-2025#glossary/).

Survey impacts and changes

Quarterly rebenchmarking of labour force statistics



The ABS has revised the original Labour Force series from April 2024 to reflect the latest available preliminary and final estimates of the Estimated Resident Population. This quarterly process ensures that the Labour Force series promptly reflect any change in population trends and minimises the size of revisions that can occur when the series

are rebenchmarked following each Census of Population and Housing.

Revisions to original series also result in revisions to seasonally adjusted series.

The ABS typically updates the quarterly population benchmarks in the Labour Force publication in November data releases. Due to the different timing of releases between November 2025 Labour Force Publication and [National, state and territory population \(/statistics/people/population/national-state-and-territory-population/latest-release\)](#) publication, the quarterly rebenchmarking was implemented in December 2025 Labour Force data.

The next quarterly population benchmark update will occur in the February 2026 data release, returning to the usual update schedule.

Data collection in New South Wales



As noted in last month's [Survey impacts and changes \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/nov-2025#survey-impacts-and-changes\)](#), there were operational challenges in the collection of the November 2025 Labour Force Survey that led to the ABS applying a weighting adjustment.

This collection issue was resolved prior to the December 2025 collection, and analysis of December results confirmed that there are no data quality issues for this rotation group in December data.

The ABS advises caution when using gross flows data (GM1) for December 2025, due to a lower matched sample between November and December due to these operational challenges.

Survey response and timeline



The December 2025 Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 23 November to Saturday 6 December, and collected over the period from Sunday 30 November to Saturday 20 December.

Interviews for December 2025 commenced earlier than usual, given the usual operation difficulties around the Christmas and New Year holiday period. For further information, see [Collection method \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2025#collection-method\)](#).

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

Reference and Enumeration Dates

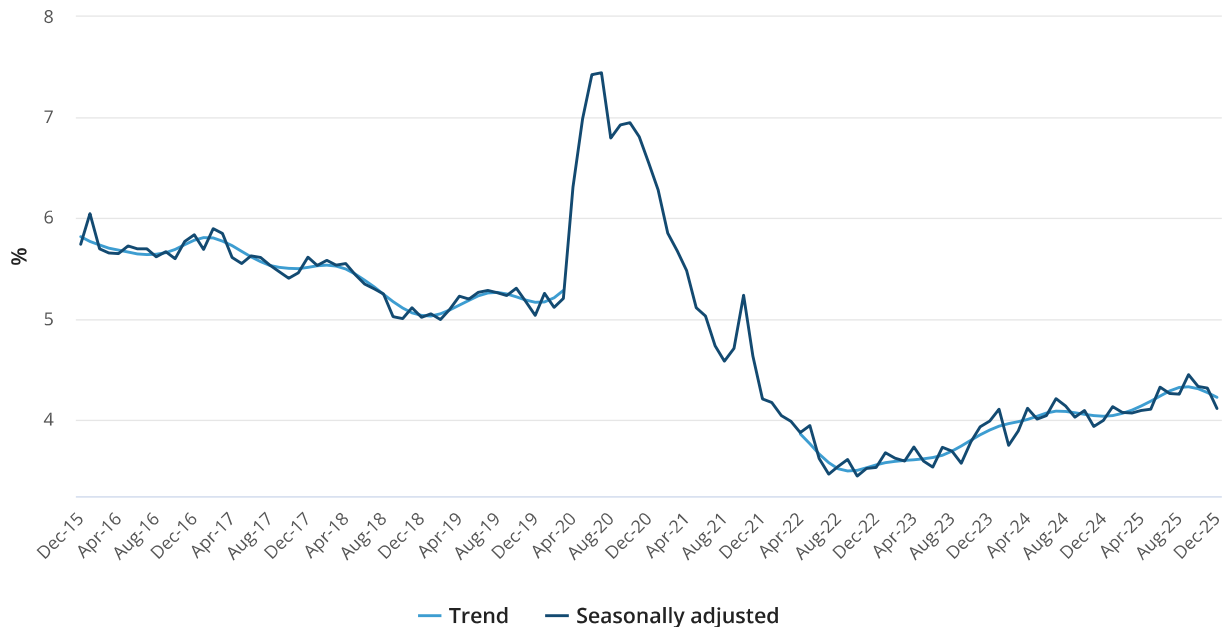
Publication	Start of Reference Week	End of Reference Week	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Nov-25	26th October 2025	8th November 2025	2nd November 2025	22nd November 2025
Dec-25	23rd November 2025	6th December 2025	30th November 2025	20th December 2025
Jan-26	4th January 2026	17th January 2026	11th January 2026	31st January 2026
Feb-26	1st February 2026	14th February 2026	8th February 2026	28th February 2026
Mar-26	1st March 2026	14th March 2026	8th March 2026	28th March 2026
Apr-26	29th March 2026	11th April 2026	5th April 2026	24th April 2026

Unemployment

In trend terms, in December 2025:

- unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%.
- unemployed people decreased by 6,400 to 646,600.
- youth unemployment rate decreased to 9.5%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, December 2025 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2025\)](#).

Employment

In trend terms, in December 2025, employment increased by 24,800 people (0.2%) to 14,686,100 people.

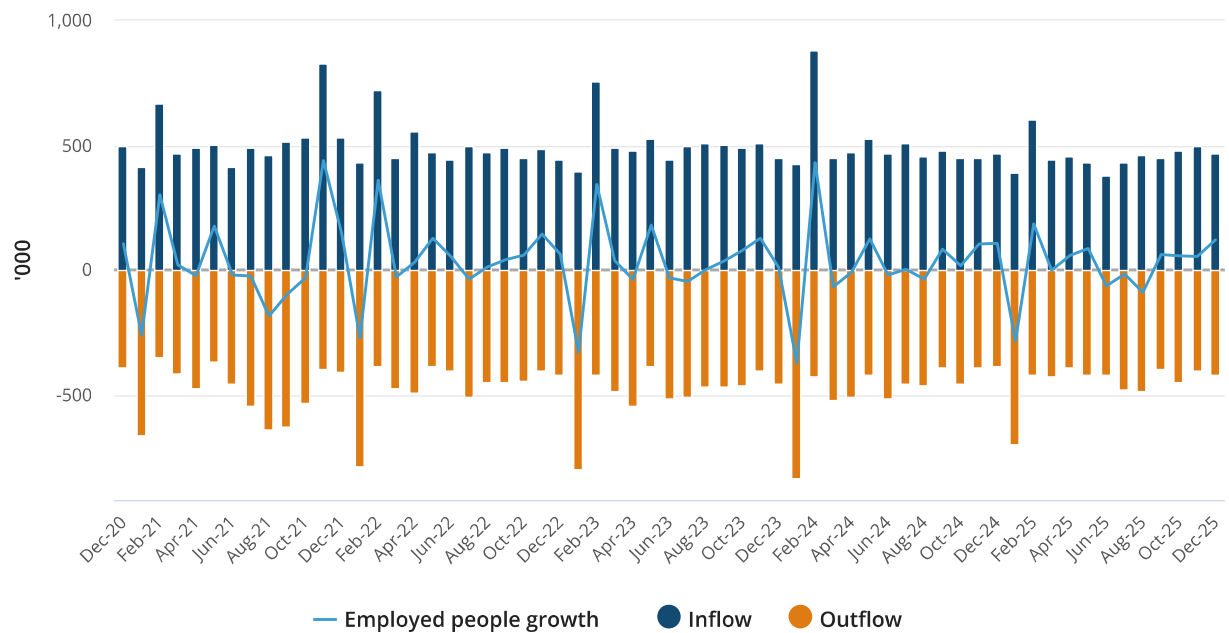
Flows into and out of employment

Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

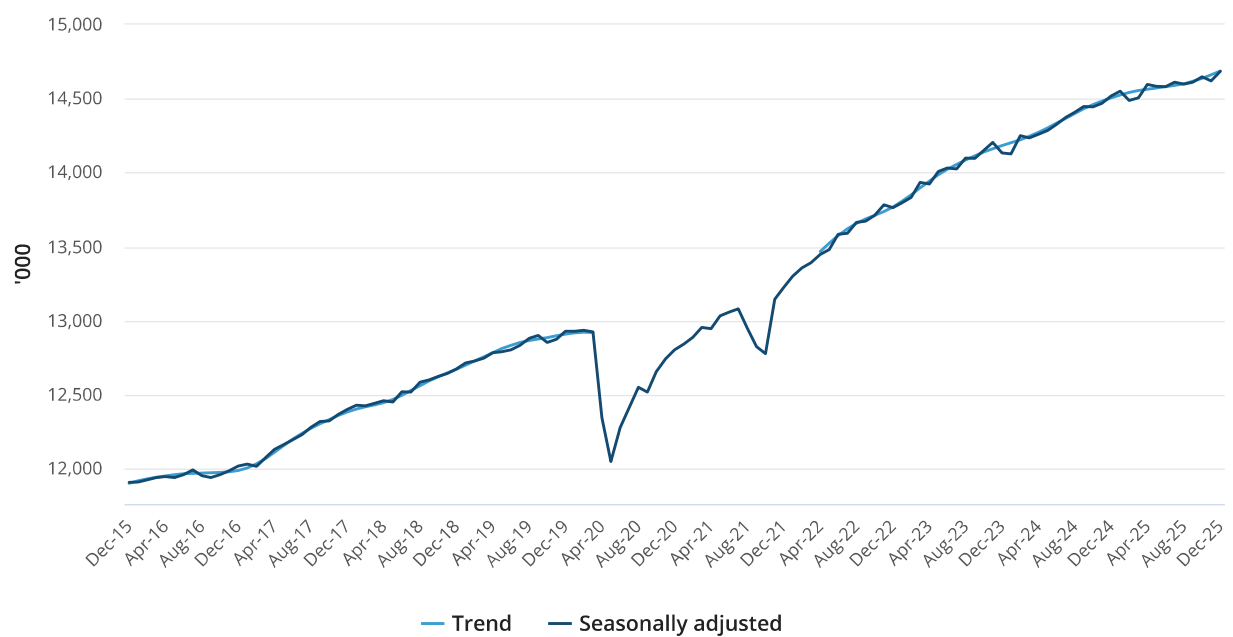
For December 2025, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 466,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in November 2025 but were employed in December 2025), while around 420,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in November 2025 but not employed in December 2025). This follows November 2025, where around 496,000 people entered employment and around 401,000 people left employment.

The ABS advises caution when using gross flows data (GM1) for December 2025. For further information, see [Survey impacts and changes \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/nov-2025#survey-impacts-and-changes\)](#).

Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in December 2025:

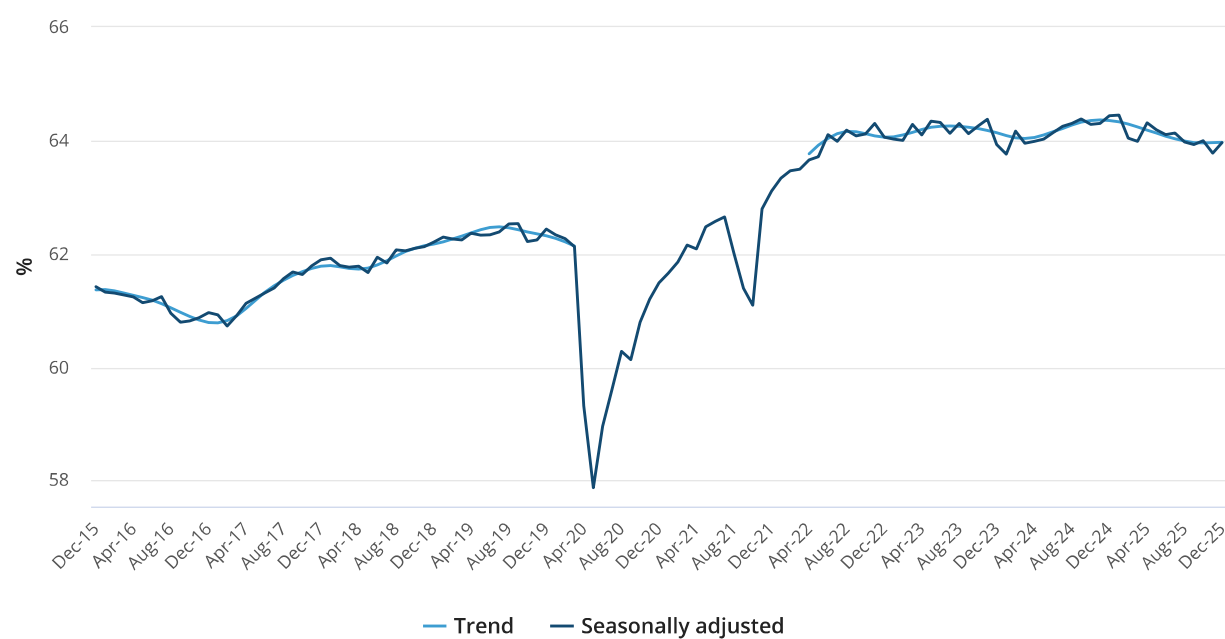
- full-time employment increased by 13,300 to 10,108,000 people, and part-time employment increased by 11,500 to 4,578,100 people.
- part-time share of employment was 31.2%.

Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in December 2025, the employment-to-population ratio remained at 64.0%.

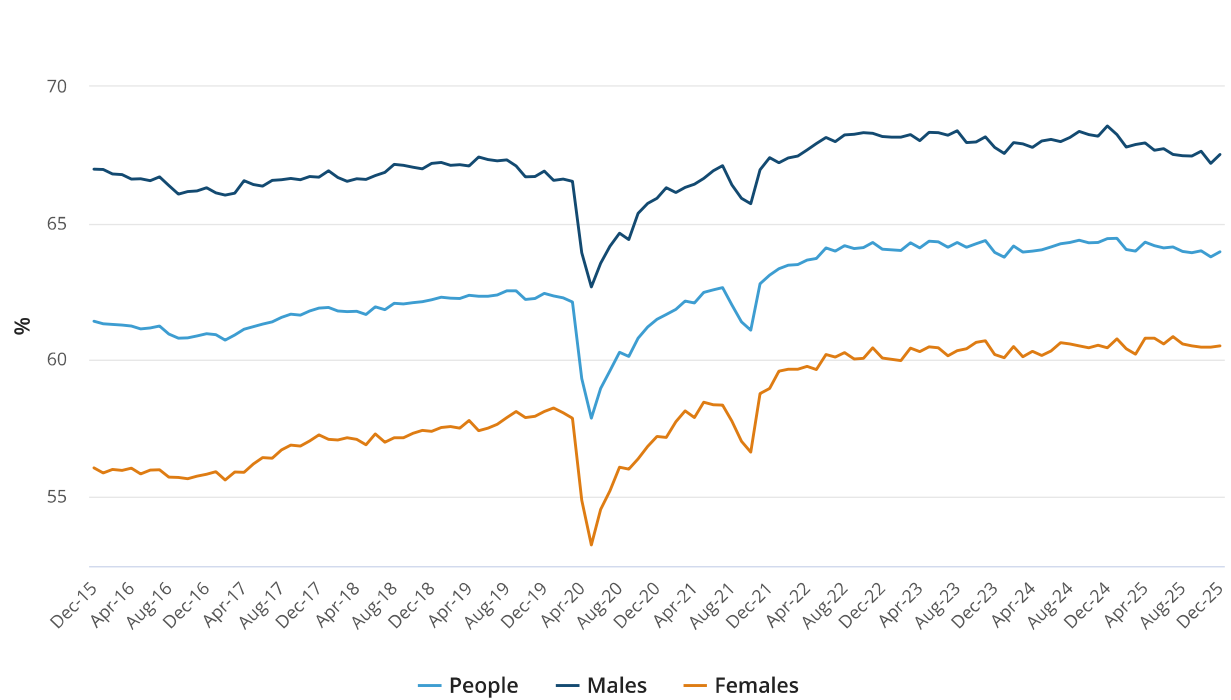
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

Employment-to-population ratio



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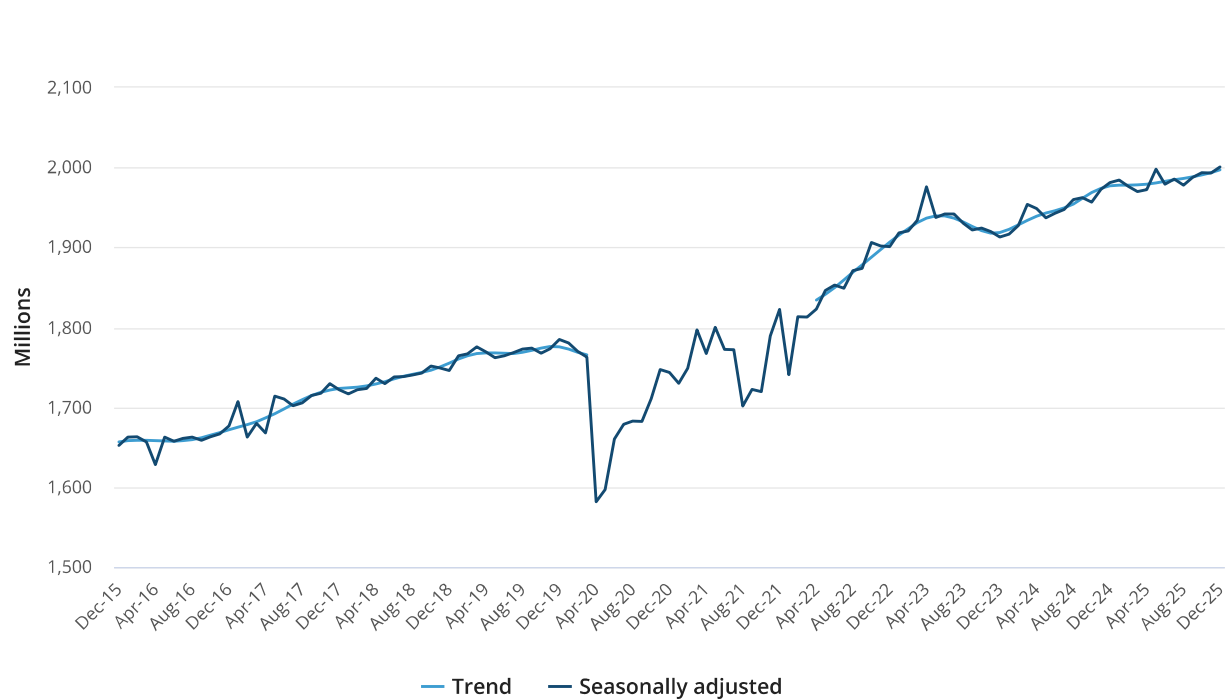
Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



Hours worked

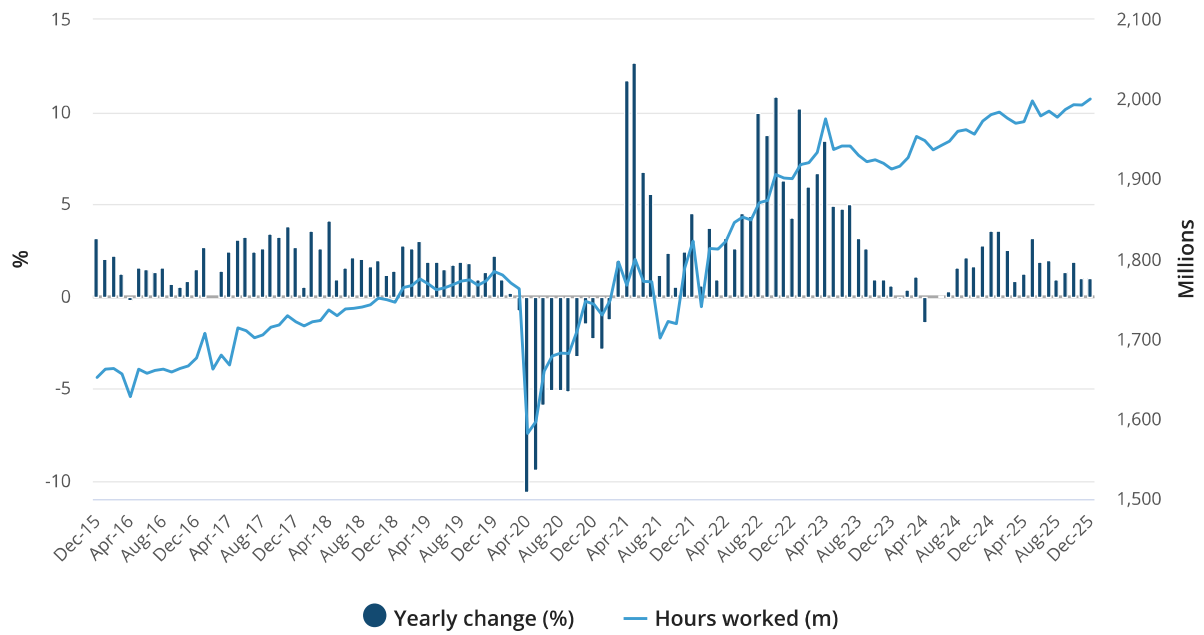
In trend terms, in December 2025, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased to 1,997 million hours.

Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted



Participation

In trend terms, in December 2025, the participation rate:

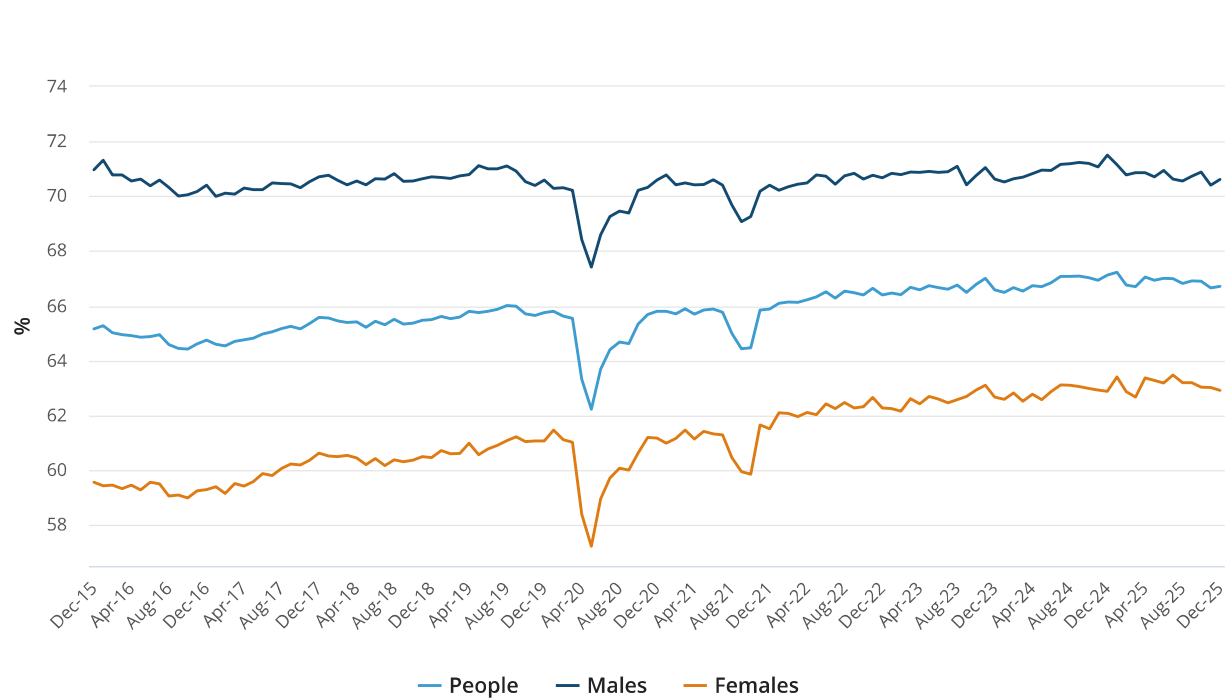
- remained at 66.8%.
- remained at 70.7% for men and 63.0% for women.

Participation rate



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Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

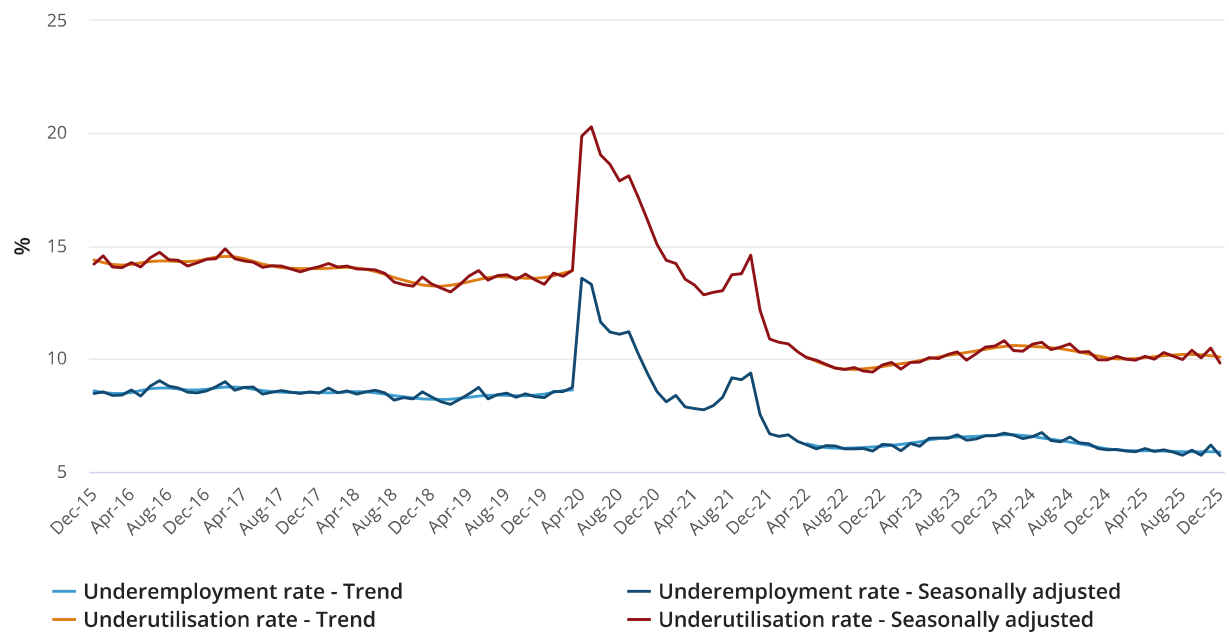


Underemployment

In trend terms, in December 2025:

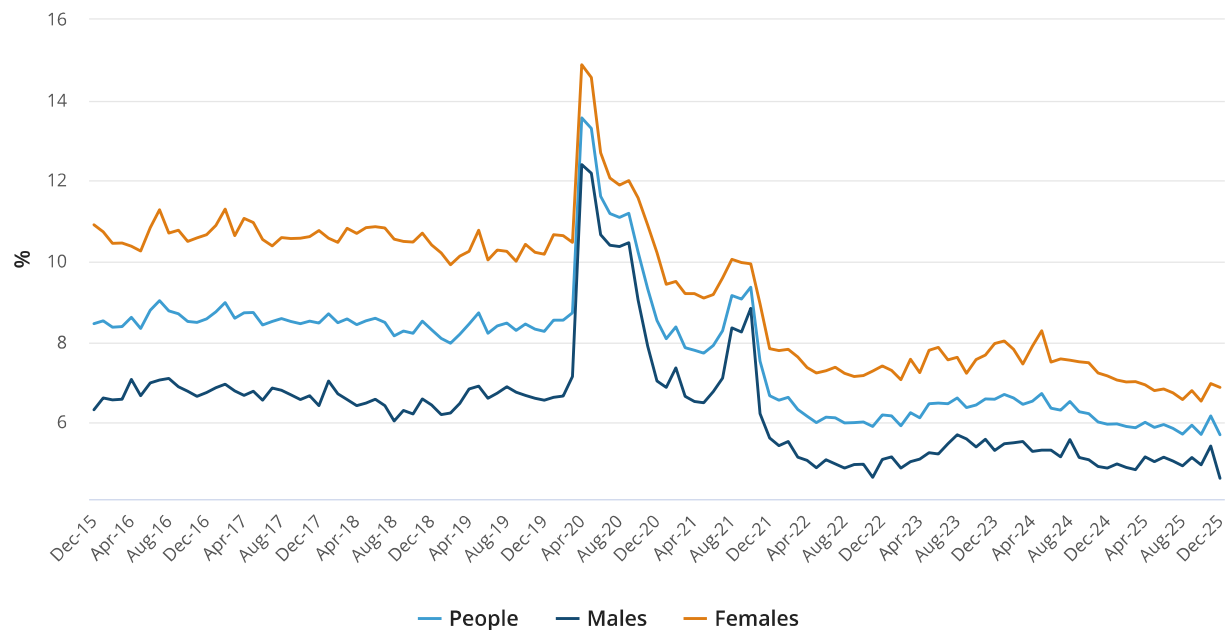
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- underutilisation rate remained at 10.1%.

Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



States and Territories

December 2025 - Trend

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,492,200	3,814,900	3,000,300	997,600	1,665,400	283,400	145,100	273,400	14,686,100
Employed people - monthly change	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%
Employment to population ratio	62.9%	64.7%	63.8%	62.4%	65.9%	58.4%	69.7%	68.6%	64.0%
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.2 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.7%	4.1%	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%
Unemployment rate - monthly change	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts
Underemployment rate	5.3%	6.5%	6.1%	6.3%	5.3%	7.4%	3.6%	4.5%	5.9%
Underemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts
Participation rate	65.5%	67.8%	66.6%	65.0%	68.8%	60.9%	72.9%	71.7%	66.8%
Participation rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.2 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts

December 2025 - Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,492,000	3,813,000	3,003,200	1,000,200	1,672,500	281,400	147,100	273,200	14,684,100
Employed people - monthly change	0.1%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.8%	1.6%	-0.7%	1.4%	0.6%	0.4%
Employment to population ratio	62.9%	64.6%	63.9%	62.6%	66.2%	58.0%	70.6%	68.6%	64.0%
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.0 pts	-0.2 pts	0.2 pts	0.4 pts	0.9 pts	-0.5 pts	0.9 pts	0.3 pts	0.2 pts
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	-0.2 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.6 pts	0.3 pts	-0.4 pts	-0.9 pts	-0.2 pts
Underemployment rate	5.3%	6.4%	5.8%	6.2%	5.2%	7.5%	3.3%	4.3%	5.7%
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.1 pts	-0.5 pts	-0.5 pts	-0.1 pts	-1.0 pts	-0.1 pts	-1.2 pts	-0.5 pts	-0.5 pts
Participation rate	65.5%	67.7%	66.5%	65.1%	68.8%	60.7%	73.5%	71.1%	66.7%
Participation rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	-0.3 pts	0.0 pts	0.4 pts	0.5 pts	-0.3 pts	0.6 pts	-0.3 pts	0.1 pts

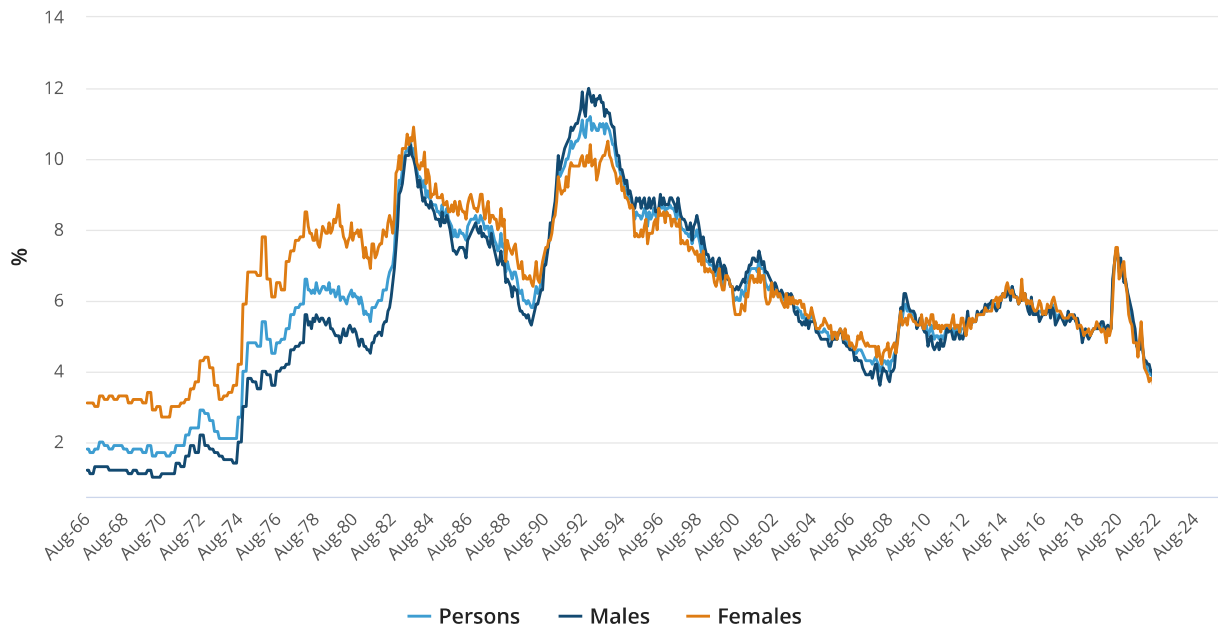
Historical charts

Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to December 2025

Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2025#history-of-changes\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

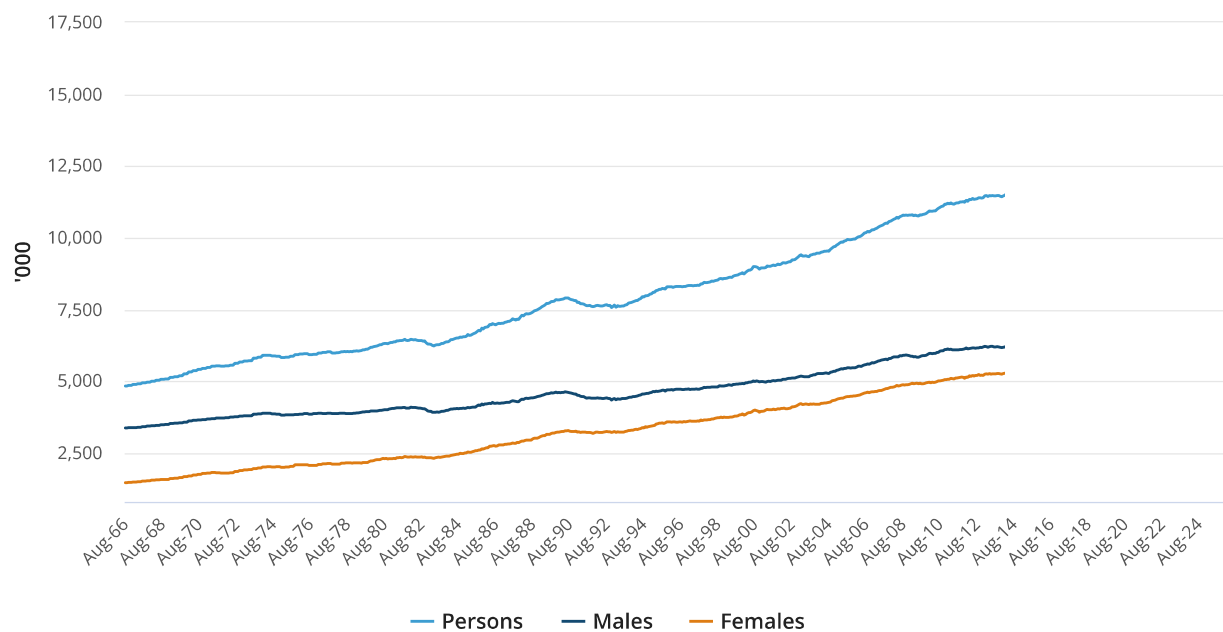
Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to December 2025, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to December 2025 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

Source: [6204.0.55.001 Labour Force Historical Timeseries, Australia, 1966-1984, Seasonally adjusted estimates of the labour force by sex and marital status - 1966-1977](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument>) and [6202.0 Labour Force, Australia, Table 1 \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#data-downloads\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6202.01966%20to%202025?OpenDocument)

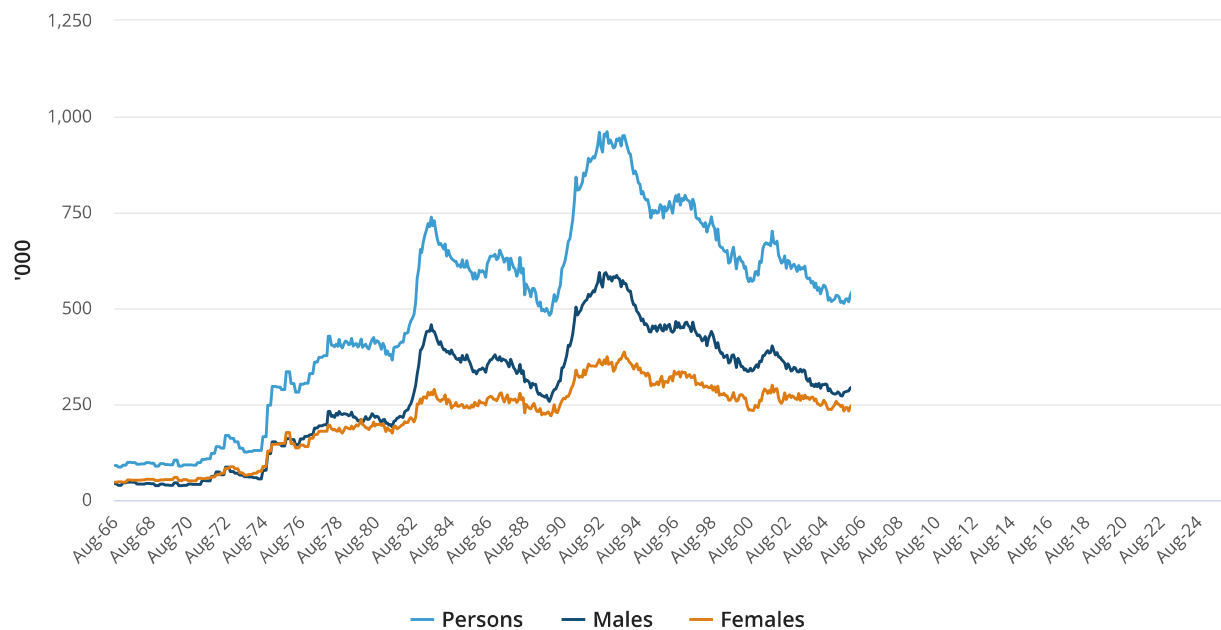
Employed people, Australia, August 1966 to December 2025, Seasonally adjusted



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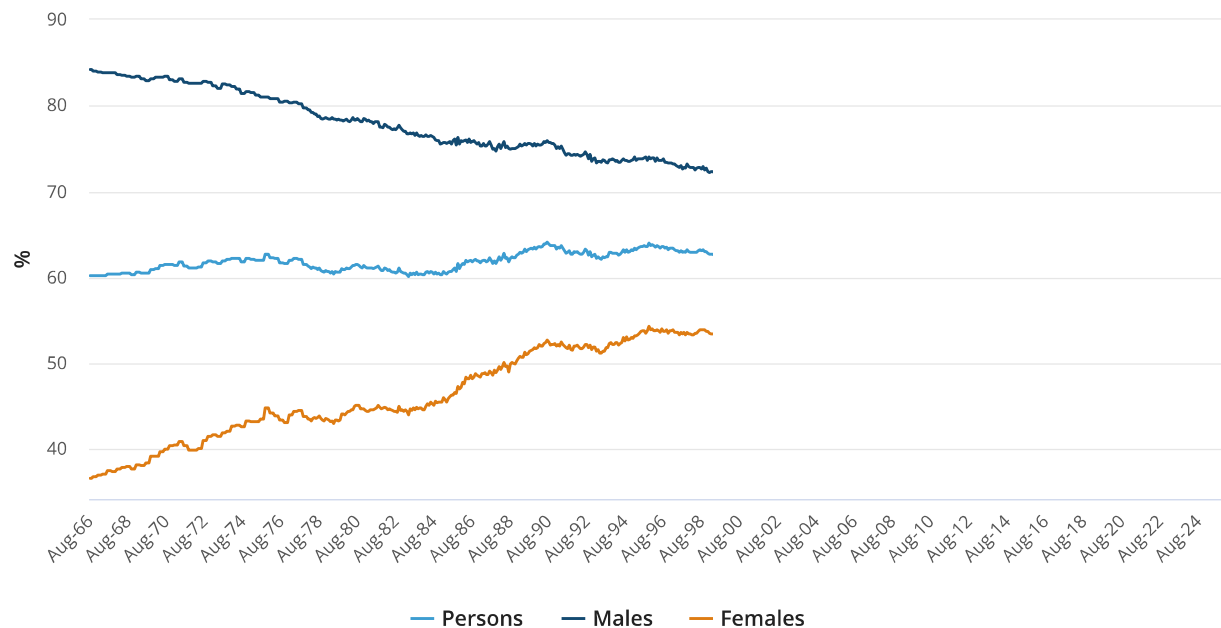
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Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to December 2025, Seasonally adjusted



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Rotation group analysis

Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different

groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups



Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

	November outgoing rotation group	December incoming rotation group	December outgoing rotation group	December estimate (Original)
Employment to population ratio	63.8%	65.7%	65.2%	65.4%
Full-time employment to population ratio	43.5%	46.7%	44.6%	45.1%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	3.5%	3.8%
Participation rate	66.7%	68.6%	67.6%	68.0%

States and Territories



In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. Following disruptions to the collection of NSW data in [November \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/nov-2025#survey-impacts-and-changes\)](#), the ABS has closely analysed NSW data for December and have determined that there were no further impacts. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data



The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Contribution from sample components to estimates

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Data downloads

Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release
2. Additional, more detailed spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this first release
3. Longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab on a monthly basis, one day after the detailed release (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#).)

See the [Survey output \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2025#survey-output\)](#) section of Labour Force, Australia methodology for more information.

Labour Force status

Table 1. Labour force status by Sex, Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 4. Labour force status by Sex, New South Wales - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 5. Labour force status by Sex, Victoria - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 6. Labour force status by Sex, Queensland - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 7. Labour force status by Sex, South Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 8. Labour force status by Sex, Western Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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